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FOLLOWING IS THE PRAVDA ARTICLE CARRIED JUNE 17 ENTITLED
"ON THE PRESENT POLICY OF THE US GOVERNMENT":

1. RECENT FACTS INDICATE THAT CHANGES DANGEROUS TO THE
CAUSE OF PEACE ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE POLICY OF THE USA.
AN ACUTE STRUGGLE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR QUITE A TIME NOW IN
THE RULING CIRCLES OF THAT COUNTRY OVER QUESTIONS OF
DETENTE, RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES. AND AS TIME GOES ON, THERE ARE MORE AND MORE
SIGNS THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUPINGS THAT WOULD LIKE
TO UNDERMINE DETENTE AND RETURN THE WORLD TO THE COLD WAR,
TO NEW CONFRONTATIONS AND UNRESTRAINED MILITARY RIVALRY ARE
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BEGINNING TO TAKE THE UPPER HAND. THIS IS TESTIFIED NOT
ONLY BY SPEECHES COMING FROM THE PRESIDENT AND A NUMBER OF
OTHER HIGH-RANKING U.S. OFFICIALS, BUT ALSO BY WASHINGTON'S
CONCRETE DEEDS.

2. CONTRARY TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES TO PUT AN

END TO THE ARMS RACE, THE U.S. IS TAKING THE COURSE OF

WHIPPING IT UP, IS ADOPTING NEW VAST PLANS FOR BUILDING UP ITS MILITARY POWER, AND EVEN FOR DECADES AHEAD. AT THE SAME TIME NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION ARE BEING DELIBERATELY SLOWED DOWN.

3. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS UNDERTAKING ALSO ACTIONS WHOSE PURPOSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE IN ANY OTHER WAY THAN AS THE DELIBERATE WORSENING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE USA. THERE IS NO END TO ATTEMPTS AT INTERFERING IN OUR COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE TIES AND CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE BEING RESTRICTED BY U.S. UNILATERAL ACTIONS.

4. THE OPPONENTS OF GOOD USA-USSR RELATIONS ARE SEEKING A COMMON LANGUAGE WITH THE AGGRESSIVE ANTI-SOVIETISM OF THE CHINESE RULERS WHO LOUDLY PROCLAIM DETENTE AND PEACE TO BE A FRAUD, AND WAR--THE ONLY REAL PROSPECT.

5. THE USA, LASTLY, HAS BECOME THE MAIN INSPIRER OF A NEW COLONIALISM IN AFRICA--OF A POLICY OF ARMED INTERVENTIONS AND OPEN INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES, OF SUPPRESSING THE NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

6. ALL THESE TENDENCIES IN THE CURRENT POLICY OF THE USA WERE REVEALED WITH PARTICULAR CLARITY AT THE RECENT SESSION OF THE NATO COUNCIL. ENCOURAGING ITS ACCOMPLICES, NUDGING ON THOSE WHO VACILLATE, PRESSURING THE DISSENTING MEMBERS OF THE BLOC, THE U.S. DID ITS BEST TO LEAD IT ONCE AGAIN ALONG THE PATH OF THE COLD WAR AND OF WHIPPING UP THE ARMS RACE.

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7. IMPLEMENTING A TURN-ABOUT IN POLITICS ON SUCH A BROAD FRONT IS, OF COURSE, NO SIMPLE MATTER. IT HAS TO BE SOMEHOW 'JUSTIFIED'. FOR THESE PURPOSES ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE THIS TIME AGAIN TO BLAME THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FOR THE WORSENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THE MAKERS OF WASHINGTON'S 'NEW' POLICY ARE TRYING TO PUT IT ON SOME 'THEORETICAL' BASE, EXAGGERATING IN EVERY WAY THE ELEMENTS OF RIVALRY AND BELITTLING THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION IN USSR-USA RELATIONS. SOME MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, DID THIS SO GROSSLY AND CLUMSILY THAT THEY GAVE RISE TO A LOT OF CONFUSION IN THE MINDS OF BOTH U.S. ALLIES AND THEIR OWN COMPATRIOTS.

8. AN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THINGS, AS WAS REPORTED, WAS MADE IN PRESIDENT JAMES CARTER'S RECENT SPEECH AT ANNAPOLIS. HOWEVER, THE U.S. PRESIDENT OBVIOUSLY FAILED TO INTRODUCE CLARITY INTO AMERICAN POLICY, ABOVE ALL, INTO ITS POLICY IN REGARD TO THE USSR. HE FAILED FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT HIS SPEECH WAS AN ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THE IRRECONCILABLE. ASSURANCES OF LOYALTY TO THE IDEAS OF DETENTE AND OF IMPROVING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH UNCONCEALED

ATTACKS ADDRESSED AT THE SOVIET UNION, EXPRESSIONS OF RESPECT FOR THE PEACEABLENESS AND STAUNCHNESS OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, WHO LOST 20 MILLION OF THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE WAR AGAINST HITLER'S AGGRESSION, WITH SO PRECONCEIVED AND DISTORTED A DESCRIPTION OF SOVIET REALITIES AS ONE HAS NOT ENCOUNTERED EVEN IN THE MOST ILL-WISHING AMERICAN PAPERS SINCE THE TIMES OF THE COLD WAR.

9. THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND HIS COUNCILLORS MAY REST ASSURED--THIS SPEECH WAS READ IN THE SOVIET UNION WITH ATTENTION AND WAS OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED. NOR WERE THE POSITIVE REMARKS IT CONTAINED LEFT UNNOTICED, WHICH INDICATE THAT THE U.S. LEADERS CANNOT BUT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT DETENTE ENJOYS SUFFICIENTLY BROAD SUPPORT IN THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL CIRCLES AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.
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10. BUT IF THIS SPEECH IS TO BE TAKEN FOR A 'PROGRAMME' ONE, AS IT WAS PRELIMINARILY PUBLICIZED, RATHER THAN DISPEL, IT INCREASED THE DOUBTS ABOUT THE COURSE TAKEN BY THE USA. SUFFICE IT TO RECALL PRESIDENT JAMES CARTER'S STATEMENT CONTAINED IN IT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD CHOOSE EITHER CONFRONTATION OR COOPERATION' AND THAT THE USA IS PREPARED TO MEET EITHER CHOICE.

11. TO PUT THE MATTER THIS WAY IS TO ADDRESS IT WRONGLY--THE SOVIET UNION HAS LONG AGO AND UNEQUIVOCALLY MADE ITS CHOICE IN FAVOR OF PEACE AND COOPERATION. YET, THE WAY THIS QUESTION IS POSED BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT MAY ONLY INDICATE THAT IT IS EXACTLY THE USA, TO BE MORE PRECISE--THE PRESENT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS NOT YET MADE THE FINAL CHOICE, OR RATHER, IS TRYING TO DEPART FROM THE PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS WORKED OUT EARLIER TOGETHER WITH THE USSR, WHICH INCLUDE THE RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT IN A NUCLEAR AGE THERE IS NO ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. IT IS APPARENTLY NOT FORTUITOUS THAT, WHILE ENUMERATING IN THAT SAME SPEECH THE UNITED STATES' GOOD WORKS IN FAVOUR OF DETENTE, THE PRESIDENT OMITTED TWO VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS: THE PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA, AND THE AGREEMENT ON AVERTING NUCLEAR WAR. MEANWHILE, IT IS PRECISELY IN THESE DOCUMENTS THAT THE FACT THAT THE TWO POWERS MADE THEIR CHOICE IN FAVOR OF DETENTE, AND THE MUTUAL COMMITMENTS STEMMING FROM IT ARE STRESSED WITH SPECIAL FORCE.

12. AT PRESENT, SHAPING OUT CLEARLY IN U.S. POLICY IS A LINE TOWARDS WHIPPING UP THE ARMS RACE, WHICH HAS ALREADY ASSUMED TREMENDOUS SCOPE, AND TOWARDS THE STEADFAST BUILD-UP OF MILITARY SPENDING. NOT CONTENT WITH THE ADOPTION OF A RECORD HIGH MILITARY BUDGET, WHICH HAS REACHED NEARLY 130 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR, WITH THE ELABORATION OF EVER NEW SYSTEMS OF MASS ANNIHILATION WEAPONS, THE NEUTRON BOMB
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INCLUDED, THE UNITED STATES HAS STARTED A KIND OF MOBILI-

SATION OF THE WEST TOWARDS SPEEDING UP MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

13. THIS IS CLEARLY TESTIFIED BY THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT WASHINGTON SESSION OF THE NATO COUNCIL, HELD, MOREOVER WITH A CYNICAL FRANKNESS THAT IS AN AFFRONT TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, DURING THE SITTINGS OF THE SPECIAL DISARMAMENT SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE WASHINGTON MEETING ENDED WITH THE ADOPTION OF AN ADDITIONAL ARMS RACE PROGRAMME, ITS COST COMING TO THE TREMENDOUS SUM OF 80 BILLION DOLLARS.

14. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LONG-STANDING PRACTICE, ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO JUSTIFY THESE MEASURES BY FALSE REFERENCES, AS IF THEY ARE MERELY A 'REPLY' TO THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH, DON'T YOU SEE, IS TRYING TO ATTAIN A 'MILITARY SUPERIORITY' OVER THE WEST. THE LEADERS OF OUR PARTY AND STATE HAVE REPEATEDLY POINTED TO THE UTTER UNSOUNDNESS OF SUCH ASSERTIONS. QUITE RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN AN INTERVIEW FOR THE WEST GERMAN PAPER VORWARTS, LEONID BRZHNEV, CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN: 'FOR ITS PART THE SOVIET UNION BELIEVES THAT AN APPROXIMATE EQUALITY AND PARITY IS QUITE SUFFICIENT FOR NEEDS OF DEFENCE. WE DO NOT SET OURSELVES THE GOAL OF ATTAINING MILITARY SUPERIORITY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THIS VERY CONCEPT BECOMES POINTLESS IN THE PRESENCE OF TODAY'S HUGE ARSENALS OF ALREADY STOCKPILED NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND MEANS FOR THEIR DELIVERY.'

15. THE U.S. CANNOT CLAIM IGNORANCE OF THESE AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS OF THIS KIND, MADE BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SOVIET UNION.

16. IN FACT, WHEN IT COMES TO AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE BALANCE OF FORCES, WHETHER SPEAKING OF STRATEGIC ARMS OR ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE--ASSERTIONS ABOUT A SOVIET 'MILITARY THREAT', OR 'SOVIET SUPERIORITY' ARE ABSOLUTELY GROUNDLESS. THIS IS TESTIFIED NOT ONLY BY SOVIET STATEMENTS, BUT BY OFFICIAL AMERICAN DOCUMENTS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SPEECHES BY U.S. LEADERS THEMSELVES. NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM CONTAINS DATA INCIDATING SOVIET SUPERIORITY. ON THE CONTRARY, PERHAPS UNWILLINGLY, IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY, THEY DO ADMIT EQUALITY AND APPROXIMATE PARITY. WHAT, THEN, IS THE SOURCE OF THE AMERICAN AND NATO LEADERS' CONCERN? IT IS A MATTER, THEY SAY, NOT OF TODAY, BUT OF TOMORROW, THAT THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT GAIN MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN THE

FUTURE (IT WAS PRECISELY IN THIS MANNER, BY THE WAY, THAT THE MATTER WAS POSED IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH AT THE NATO COUNCIL SESSION IN MAY).

17. BUT THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES HAVE NO LESS GROUNDS FOR ANXIETY ABOUT THE MORROW, PARTICULARLY IN THE FACE OF THE ADOPTED LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES FOR MODERNISING AND BUILDING UP NATO'S MILITARY POTENTIAL. AND STILL MORE IMPORTANT--

HAS NOT THE ENTIRE COURSE OF EVENTS OF THE LAST DECADES PROVED THE FUTILITY OF ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE INVENTED THREATS BY WHIPPING UP THE ARMS RACE? DOES NOT THIS EXPERIENCE INDICATE THAT A PEACEFUL, A SAFE FUTURE CAN ONLY BE SECURED ALONG ANOTHER ROAD--THE ROAD OF AGREEMENTS ON LIMITING AND REDUCING ARMS? AND THE GREATER ONE'S CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE, THE MORE CONSISTENTLY, THE MORE PERSISTENTLY ONE MUST STRIVE TO ACHIEVE SUCH AGREEMENTS.

18. IT IS FITTING HERE TO EXAMINE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT QUESTION--THAT OF THE ATTITUDE TO DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, A MATTER THAT MAY BE REGARDED AS AN ACID TEST IN CLARIFYING THE TRUE INTENTIONS OF THE SIDES.

19. LET US START WITH THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCING ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. ON APRIL 19 OF THIS YEAR THE WESTERN COUNTRIES SUBMITTED NEW PROPOSALS WHICH SIGNIFIED, HOWEVER SMALL, BUT A STEP FORWARD. THIS IS HOW THEY WERE ASSESSED BY THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW TREATY, WHICH STATED THAT, STRIVING TO TAKE THE TALKS OUT

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OF A BLIND ALLEY, THEY WOULD SHORTLY SUBMIT COUNTER-PROPOSALS, CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS, SIGNIFYING A BIG STRIDE TOWARDS THE WESTERN POSITION IN THE NAME OF ENSURING THE ATTAINMENT, AT LONG LAST, OF A RECIPROCALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT. BUT THE WEST DID NOT EVEN BOTHER TO WAIT FOR THESE PROPOSALS AND ALREADY AT THE MAY SESSION OF THE NATO COUNCIL, AND TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF A DEAFENING CAMPAIGN ABOUT A WARSAW TREATY ARMS 'BUILD-UP,' ADOPTED THE AFOREMENTIONED LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, HOW CAN SUCH AN APPROACH FACILITATE THE SUCCESS OF THE TALKS? ANOTHER QUESTION IS ALSO IN PLACE. WHY IS THE PROPOSAL OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES TO FREEZE THE ARMED FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE AT THE PRESENT LEVEL NOT BEING ADOPTED FOR FOUR YEARS NOW? WHAT COULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN REMOVING FEARS ABOUT THE FUTURE?

20. LET US NOW TURN TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS. THESE TALKS, AIMED AT WORKING OUT A NEW AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS, HAVE BEEN GOING ON, AS IS KNOWN, FOR MANY YEARS, AND AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED ON AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF QUESTIONS. THE SOVIET UNION IS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER FOR THE SUCCESSFUL FINALIZATION OF REMAINING QUESTIONS OF A RECIPROCALLY ACCEPTABLE

BASIS AND THE EARLIEST CONCLUSION OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE AGREEMENT. FOR THIS PURPOSE IT IS CONSTANTLY SUBMITTING CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS;

21. SUCH PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED DURING THE RECENT TALKS OF A.A. GROMYKO, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE USSR, WITH PRESIDENT JAMES CARTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE.
22. HOWEVER, VERBALLY RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT, THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACTUALLY DID

NOT DISPLAY READINESS TO DISCUSS CONCRETELY THE STILL UNRESOLVED ISSUES. IN GENERAL, IT DID NOT SUBMIT ANY PROPOSALS OF ITS OWN. MOREOVER, ABSURD STATEMENTS WERE MADE, WHICH THE AMERICAN PRESS, TOO, COULD NOT ASSESS OTHERWISE THAN UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION--THE UNITED STATES,
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YOU SEE, WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE USSR ACCEPTED THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

23. NOTEWORTHY ALSO IS ANOTHER POINT. MUCH IS BEING SAID NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, IN THE OFFICIAL CIRCLES AMONG OTHERS, ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH THE RATIFICATION OF A FUTURE AGREEMENT COULD MEET IN THE SENATE. BUT THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF, OBVIOUSLY, DOES NOT HASTEN TO ASSUME A DEFINITE STAND, TO START UPHOLDING THE AGREEMENT IN CONGRESS AND IN THE EYES OF PUBLIC OPINION BY DENYING THE VARIOUS FALSEHOODS, TO WHICH THE ARMS LIMITATION OPPONENTS RESORT IN RESPECT TO THE FUTURE AGREEMENT. ON THE CONTRARY, IN THIS COMPLICATED SITUATION MANY GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE BUSY STIRRING UP MISTRUST TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION, SPREADING LIES ABOUT THE "SOVIET MILITARY THREAT." IS THERE ANYTHING SURPRISING, THEREFORE, IN THE FACT THAT THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND THE FUTURE AGREEMENT IS NOT CLEARING BUT RATHER BECOMING EVEN MORE COMPLICATED?

24. ARTIFICIAL COMPLICATIONS ARE ALSO BEING CREATED IN THE OTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT. DESPITE OFFICIAL DENIALS, A LINE IS ACTUALLY BEING PURSUED TO LINK THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER ABSOLUTELY UNRELATED QUESTIONS. AS TO OTHER NEGOTIATIONS, IT APPEARS THAT AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO USE THEM MERELY TO COVER UP THE MILITARISTIC POLICY.

25. THUS, UNDER THE COVER OF DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM OF RESTRICTING INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENTS TRADE, AND CONTRARY TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S ELECTION PROMISES, 11,300 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ARMAMENTS WERE DELIVERED ABROAD BY THE U.S.A. IN 1977, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FIGURES, AND IN 1978 IT IS PLANNED TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF THEIR SALE TO 13,200 MILLION DOLLARS.

26. WHAT GROUNDS IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THESE FACTS DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE TO SOUND THE ALARM ABOUT THE SOVIET
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UNION'S DESIRE TO ACHIEVE "MILITARY SUPERIORITY"? WHAT GROUNDS? NO. IT IS NOT THESE CONCOCTED DANGERS THAT THE U.S. FEARS IN REALITY, BUT PRECISELY EQUALITY, PARITY. IT DOES NOT WANT ITS PRESERVATION, EXPECTING TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN MILITARY SUPERIORITY BY MEANS OF NEW LUNGES IN THE ARMS RACE AND BY PUTTING A BRAKE ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THIS RUNS COUNTER TO THE INITIAL PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY OF SIDES, AGREED UPON BY THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES. THE USSR DOES NOT INTEND TO VIOLATE IT, BUT IT WILL NOT ALLOW THIS PRINCIPLE

TO BE VIOLATED BY OTHERS. YES, WE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

27. ALONG WITH STEPPED UP MILITARY PREPARATIONS, THE CHANGES IN THE U.S. COURSE FIND EXPRESSION ALSO IN TRANSITION TO AN OPENLY INTERVENTIONIST, NEOCOLONIALIST POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA. THIS IS BORNE OUT BY THE EVENTS IN ZAIRE, ARMED INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THIS COUNTRY BY SEVERAL WESTERN STATES UNDER THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP OF WASHINGTON, PLANS TO INCLUDE THESE OR OTHER AFRICAN STATES IN THE SPHERE OF NATO ACTIVITIES AND ATTEMPTS TO KNOCK TOGETHER IMPERIALIST COLLECTIVE ARMED FORCES TO SUPPRESS THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN THAT CONTINENT. AND HERE AGAIN CONCOCTIONS ABOUT THE "SOVIET THREAT" TO AFRICA AND ABOUT "SOVIET-CUBAN INTERFERENCE" IN ITS AFFAIRS ARE RESORTED TO AS A DIVERTING MANOEUVRE. EVEN THE ALREADY REFUTED INVENTIONS ON THIS SCORE ARE BEING UPHELD AS BEFORE WITHOUT ANY SHAME.

28. IN THE MEANTIME, MOSCOW LEARNT ABOUT THE EVENTS IN ZAIRE FROM REPORTS OF WESTERN NEWS SERVICES. THERE ARE IN GENERAL NO SOVIET MEN OR CUBANS IN ANY CAPACITY WHATSOEVER IN SHABA, JUST AS THERE ARE NO COPPER, COBALT OR URANIUM MINES BELONGING TO THE USSR IN THAT LAND. THEY ARE ALL AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE WESTERN NATIONS, PRIMARILY THE UNITED STATES.

29. THE FACTS ARE BEING GROSSLY DISTORTED IN OTHER CASES,
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TOO. THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HAVE RENDERED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA, WHOSE INDEPENDENCE WAS OPPOSED BY TROOPS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND WHITE MERCENARIES FROM THE NATO COUNTRIES, AND ALSO NECESSARY SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIA, WHICH WAS SUBJECTED TO SOMALIAN AGGRESSION. THIS ASSISTANCE WAS RENDERED AT THE REQUEST OF THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENTS, IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH THE NORMS OF INTER-

NATIONAL LAW AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. ONLY THOSE CAN COME OUT AGAINST THIS ASSISTANCE, WHO, INSTEAD OF AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLA, WOULD PREFER THE DOMINATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIALISTS OVER THAT COUNTRY, WHO WOULD WELCOME ETHIOPIA'S DISMEMBERMENT OR EVEN HER LIQUIDATION AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE. BOTH THIS AND THAT WOULD, PROBABLY, FULLY SATISFY SOME PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON. BUT WHAT HAVE THE INTERESTS OF AFRICAN AND THE INTERESTS OF RELAXATION OF TENSION GOT TO DO WITH IT?

30. AFTER ALL, THERE ARE, INDEED, REAL PROBLEMS; AFRTCA NOT LIKE THE FAR-FETCHED "SOVIET-CUBAN INTERFERENCE" CONCOCTION. THEY INCLUDE THE LIQUIDATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF COLONIAL DOMINATION, STRENGTHENING OF THE STATEHOOD OF YOUNG NATIONS AND ACCELERATION OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY ALSO INCLUDE SUCH EXPLOSIVE PROBLEMS AS PERSISTING RACIAL OPPRESSION AND WHITE MINORITY

RULE IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. AND IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WERE TO EXERT EVEN A FRACTION OF THE ZEAL AND EFFORT WITH WHICH IT IS COMBATting THE MYTHICAL "SOVIET-CUBAN TREATY" TO PROMOTE THE SOLUTION OF THE SAID PROBLEMS, THIS COULD RID THE MUCH SUFFERED AFRICAN CONTINENT OF DISASTERS AND BLOODSHED.

31. HOWEVER, CERTAIN LEADERS, WHO HOLD HIGH POSTS IN WASHINGTON ARE SO OVERWHELMED BY ANTI-SOVIET EMOTIONS THAT, JUDGING BY EVERYTHING THEY ARE NOW DISMISSING THESE DAN-
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TERS. SUCH LEADERS CLOSE THEIR EYES TO THE FACT THAT ALIGNMENT WITH CHINA ON AN ANTI-SOVIET BASIS WOULD RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE DANGER OF A NUCLEAR WAR AND, OF COURSE, OF LIMITING ARMAMENTS. THEY FORGET ALSO THAT THE CHINESE LEADERS ARE PLAYING HERE A GAME OF THEIR OWN. IF THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATO COUNTRIES ARE NOT LOATHE TO EXPLOIT IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN THE SOVIET-CHINESE RELATIONS, THE PEKING LEADERS, FOR THEIR PART, HAVE SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT ON THEIR MIND, NAMELY TO AGGRAVATE TO THE LIMIT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES, TO EXPLOIT THIS AGGRAVATION BY NO MEANS IN THE AMERICAN, BUT RATHER IN THEIR OWN, INTERESTS.

32. SOVIET-AMERICAN CONFRONTATION, AND STILL BETTER WAR-- THIS IS THE CHERISHED DREAM OF PEKING. MAYBE WASHINGTON WILL GIVE A THOUGHT TO THIS MATTER WITHOUT RASHNESS, COOLY.

33. EVERY POLITICAL SHIFT, EVERY CHANGE OF POLICY, THE MORE SO IF IT AFFECTS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, MUST HAVE THEIR OWN REASONS. HOW ARE THE EMERGING CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY

EXPLAINED IN WASHINGTON?

34. THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF WASHINGTON, CLAIMING, YOU SEE, THAT EVERYTHING HINGES ON THE SOVIET UNION, THE SOCIALIST STATES, THAT IT DEPENDS ON THEIR CHOICE WHETHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WILL PROCEED ALONG THE ROAD OF RELAXATION OR ALONG THE ROAD OF THE "COLD WAR" DOES NOT HOLD WATER. THE AUTHORS OF THIS VERSION HAVE NOTHING TO BACK IT UP WITH. INSTEAD OF FACTS--EMPTINESS. IT APPEARS THAT EVEN SUPER-NAIVE PEOPLE, CAPABLE OF BELIEVING THE INVENTIONS ABOUT "SOVIET INTERFERENCE" IN ZAIRE, WILL HARDLY AGREE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD IN REPLY TORPEDO, FOR INSTANCE, THE DETENTE, SHOULD GO BACK TO THE "COLD WAR," SHOULD COMPLICATE, IF NOT MORE, THE NEGOTIATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS LIMITATION.

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35. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES IN THE AMERICAN POLICY SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN THE UNITED STATES PROPER. AND THESE REASONS LIE NOT IN THE SENTIMENTS OF

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO WHICH SOME WASHINGTON LEADERS LIKE TO REFER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THIS IS PERTINENT OR NOT. ALL THE LATEST PUBLIC OPINION POLLS IN THE UNITED STATES SPEAK OF THE OPPOSITE: DESPITE SYSTEMATIC ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE AMERICANS COME OUT FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, FOR AN EARLIEST AGREEMENT AT THE TALKS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

36. THIS IS A MANIFESTATION OF HUMAN COMMON SENSE, UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED OF COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES ITSELF.

37. HOWEVER, PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON ARE NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH SOMETHING ELSE--STRUGGLE TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. ARMED INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA, ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS IN 1975, TO CREATE A MECHANISM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A GROUP OF STATES, WHICH HAVE A LIKING FOR COLONIALISMS AND RACIALISM, THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO EXERCISE COLONIALIST GENDARME'S FUNCTIONS IN THAT CONTINENT, RECRUIT HENCHMEN FROM AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF REACTIONARY, CORRUPT, AGGRESSIVE REGIMES UNDER THE HYPOCRITICAL SLOGANS OF "AFRICAN SOLIDARITY."

38. BUT THIS POLICY IS DOOMED IN OUR EPOCH. IT WILL NOT BREAK THE UNITED WILL OF THE INDEPENDENT STATES AND FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLES OF AFRICA, THEIR RESOLUTION TO UPHOLD THE INDEPENDENCE OF THEIR COUNTRIES, THEIR FREE INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT.

39. THE CHANGES, OCCURRING IN THE POLICY OF THE PRESENT
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U.S. ADMINISTRATION, HAVE ALSO AFFECTED, AS IT WAS NOTED, THE SPHERE OF BILATERAL SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND ALONG MANY LINES FOR THAT MATTER. ONE CANNOT HELP REALIZING THAT THIS LEADS TO THE EROSION OF THE YET VERY MODEST FOUNDATION OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, WHICH WAS CREATED THROUGH MUCH WORK, EFFORT AND PATIENCE, AND WHICH IS SO NECESSARY FOR STRENGTHENING PEACE, STOPPING THE ARMS RACE, FURTHERING THE DETENTE.

40. PARTICULARLY DISASTROUS FOR MUTUAL CONFIDENCE ARE THE ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE OTHER SIDE. AND SUCH ATTEMPTS HAVE NOW BEEN ELEVATED IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE LEVEL OF STATE POLICY. SEEMINGLY NICE-SOUNDING MOTIVES ARE BEING CHOSEN FOR THEM: "HUMAN RIGHTS," "HUMANISM," "DEFENCE OF FREEDOM," BUT ACTUALLY WE HAVE HERE THE SELFSAME DESIGNS OF UNDERMINE THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM THAT OUR PEOPLE WERE COMPELLED TO ENCOUNTER IN THIS OR THAT FORM BEGINNING WITH 1917.

41. AFTER ALL, THERE WERE PREVIOUSLY, TOO, PEOPLE WHO LIKED TO ATTEMPT THIS. BUT ONE SHOULD REMEMBER WELL THAT

SOVIET SOCIETY IS MONOLITHIC AND UNITED, AND THAT THIS COHESION CANNOT BE UNDERMINED EITHER BY MALIGNANT PROPAGANDA FROM ABROAD, OR SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS OF WESTERN SPECIAL SERVICES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE ADVOCATES OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE USSR KNOW THIS PERFECTLY WELL THEMSELVES. THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THE QUESTION: SUCH ACTIONS ENGENDER EVER NEW DOUBTS IN THE TRUE INTENTIONS OF THE LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CERTAIN NATIONS ALLIED TO IT, POISON THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE, COMPLICATE COOPERATION.

42. THE LATEST INTRIGUES, TO BE MORE EXACT "PETTY INTRIGUES" OF WASHINGTON AROUND CHINA IN NO WAY SERVE TO STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE. THE DESIRE IN ITSELF TO USE THE "CHINESE CARD" IN THE GLOBAL GAME IS NOT AT ALL NEW FOR AMERICAN POLITICIANS. HOWEVER, UP TILL NOW THE U.S. LEADERS, IT APPEARED, REALIZED THAT THIS CARD COULD NOT BE USED WITH-

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OUT CREATING DANGERS TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, AND TO THEMSELVES, FOR THAT MATTER, TO THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES PROPER.

43. THERE IS QUITE ANOTHER REASON, TO BE SURE. IT LIES IN THE INFLUENCE EXERTED UPON THE U.S. POLICY BY THE VIGOROUS ACTIVITY OF THE MOTLEY AND NOISY COALITION OF THE DETENTE OPPONENTS, THE SO-CALLED MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, THE

EXTREME RIGHT-WING CIRCLES, THE ORGANIZATIONS OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY EMIGRANTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHER FORCES, INTERESTED IN THWARTING THE POSITIVE TENDENCIES, WHICH TOOK SHAPE IN THE SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS. ACTIVATION OF THESE FORCES DOES NOT TESTIFY TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THEIR POSITIONS. IT RATHER SERVES AS PROOF OF THEIR GROWING FEAR THAT THE ADVANCES MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE OVER A SHORT SPACE OF TIME, IF FURTHER, WOULD MAKE IT IRREVERSIBLE. AT THE OUTSET THESE FORCES DID NOT TAKE THE RELAXATION OF TENSION SERIOUSLY. AFTER ALL, THERE WAS QUITE A NUMBER OF HIGH AND LOW TIDES IN INTERNATIONAL TENSION. BUT THE SITUATION BECAME DIFFERENT AFTER THE AGREEMENT IN VLADIVOSTOK, AFTER SUBSEQUENT ADVANCES TOWARDS THE GOAL, WHICH DEFINED NOT ONLY THE CONTOURS OF THE NEXT AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS, BUT BROUGHT CLOSER THE PROSPECT OF THEIR REDUCTION, AFTER RADICAL SHIFTS IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN EUROPE, AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT IN HELSINKI. CALLED IN QUESTION WAS EVERYTHING HABITUAL TO THOSE WHO HAD RISEN, GAINED STRENGTH, FATTENED CONSIDERABLY ON THE "COLD WAR" POLICY. AND THEY LAUNCHED A COUNTER-ATTACK IN AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE THEIR REVENGE FOR THE COMPELLED RETREAT, FOR THE SUFFERED LOSSES.

44. ALSO OBVIOUS ARE THE REASONS FOR WHICH THESE FORCES

ARE CAPABLE NOW OF EXERTING SUCH A BIG INFLUENCE ON THE
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OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES. ONE OF THEM IS THE TENACITY OF THE VESTIGES OF THE COLD WAR THAT IS DUE NOT ONLY TO THE FACT THAT THE COLD WAR LASTED FOR DECADES WHILE DETENTE IS ONLY SEVERAL YEARS OF AGE. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THE COLD WAR IS FIRMLY LINKED WITH IMPERIALIST TRADITIONS OF LONG STANDING, IS A CLASSICAL FOR CAPITALISM REPLY, THOUGH A HOPELESSLY OBSOLETE AND DANGEROUS ONE IN OUR EPOCH, TO THE CHANGES IN THE WORLD THAT IT CONSIDERS UNDESIRABLE, A MILITARISTIC, VIOLENT REPLY THAT CONTRADICTS THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES. BESIDES, THE POSTULATES OF THE COLD WAR, THAT BLOSSOMED ESPECIALLY LAVISHLY IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE ILL-FAMED EPOCH OF MCCARTHYISM, ARE BEGUILINGLY SIMPLE: ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO THINK ABOUT COMPLEX PROBLEMS AND SEARCH FOR ANSWERS TO THEM BECAUSE THE SOURCE OF ALL EVIL IS THE 'EXTERNAL ENEMY,' COMMUNISM, AND IT SHOULD BE COMBATTED BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS. AS TO THOSE WHO THINK DIFFERENTLY, THEY ARE ACCOMPLICES OF THE ENEMY. TO THIS DAY MANY AMERICAN POLITICIANS ARE PROBABLY DRAWN TO THIS DANGEROUSLY DECEPTIVE SIMPLICITY, IN ANY CASE THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT OR WHO DO NOT WANT TO GRASP THE COMPLEXITIES AND DIVERSITY OF THE REAL WORLD THAT SURFACED THE MOMENT OF FOG OF

MILITARY HYSTERIA AND ANTICOMMUNIST PSYCHOSIS BEGAN TO SUBSIDUE.

45. IT APPEARS THAT THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES, TOO, IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE--THE AGGRAVATION OF THE PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, THE POVERTY OF MILLIONS OF BLACK AND WHITE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD'S RICHEST CAPITALIST COUNTRY AND WIDESPREAD CRIME.

46. THE AGGRAVATION OF THESE PROBLEMS--AND THERE IS SUCH A GREAT DESIRE TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THEM BY MEANS OF ARTIFICIALLY EXAGGERATED EXTERNAL ALARMS--THE GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO COPE WITH THEM, THE RESULTANT ACCUSATIONS OF IT BEING 'WEAK' AND 'SOFT' CREATE FOR SOME AMERICAN LEADERS AN IRRESISTIBLE TEMPTATION TO PROVE THEIR 'FIRMNESS.' IT IS RATHER HARD TO DISPLAY IT, SAY, IN THE
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STRUGGLE AGAINST INFLATION OR UNEMPLOYMENT. BUT IT SEEMS TO THEM THAT IT IS EASIER TO TRANSFER THIS 'FIRMNESS' OR AT LEAST TO TRY TO TRANSFER IT, INTO FOREIGN POLICY.

47. IT APPEARS THAT 'FIRMNESS' AND 'TOUGH LINE' HAVE BECOME VERY POPULAR WORDS IN AMERICA, ARE THE LATEST VOGUE. ESPECIALLY ON THE EVE OF NEW ELECTIONS TO CONGRESS AND, IN THE MORE DISTANT FUTURE, OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AS WELL. A SORT OF COMPETITION HAS BEGUN BETWEEN SOME POLITICIANS: WHO WILL TAKE A 'FIRMER' STAND IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WHO WILL BE 'TOUGHER' IN TALKING TO THE SOVIET UNION.

48. IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE POLITICIANS IN WASHINGTON WHO FIND THIS TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE TACTIC THAT CAN BE REPLACED AS TIME PASSES WITH OTHER, MORE MODERATE AND CONSIDERED TACTICS. BUT BY FAR NOT EVERYTHING THAT ONE CAN GET AWAY WITH IN AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLITICS IS ACCEPTABLE IN FOREIGN POLITICS. HERE, AS YOU SEE ALREADY TODAY, THE 'TOUGH LINE' HAS EVERY CHANCE TO DEVELOP FROM A TACTIC INTO A DANGEROUS AND UNCONTROLLABLE POLITICAL COURSE, ACQUIRE A FORCE OF INERTIA THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME, AND EVOKE IN THE WORLD A CORRESPONDING COUNTERACTION. AND PAYMENT FOR ERROR IN THE EVENT OF SUCH A TURN IN EVENTS WILL BE MEASURED NOT SIMPLY BY THE DROP OF SOMEBODY'S POPULARITY. IT THREATENS TO TAKE THE FORM OF NEW COSTLY SPIRALS OF THE ARMS RACE, POLITICAL CRISES, GROWTH OF THE TAX BURDEN, AND MAYBE EVEN WORSE CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

49. OF COURSE, FIRMNESS AND COURAGE ARE QUALITIES THAT ANY POLITICIAN WILL FIND USEFUL. BUT ONLY WHEN THEY ARE DIRECTED AS GOOD AIMS, ARE COMBINED WITH POLITICAL WISDOM, WITH ABILITY TO GUIDE ONESELF BY SUPREME INTERESTS AND TO SEPARATE THEM FROM PETTY, TRANSIENT ADVANTAGES, ABILITY
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AND DESIRE TO PEER INTO THE FUTURE, TO ASSESS IN ADVANCE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ONE'S PRESENT-DAY ACTIONS. LIKEWISE, COURAGE IN POLITICS IS BY NO MEANS AN EQUIVALENT OF BRAVADO, READINESS TO RESORT TO STRONG EXPRESSIONS AND WIELDING A CLUB. POLITICAL COURAGE IS DIFFERENT. IT IS IN THE ABILITY TO OUTLINE AND CONSISTNETLY IMPLEMENT A PRINCIPLED POLITICAL COURSE, IN THE ABILITY TO CONTROL ONE'S EMOTIONS, TO DISPLAY RESTRAINT WITHOUT FEARING THE HECKLING OF POLITICAL OPPORTUNISTS AND NOT FALLING FOR THE ADVISE OF ADVENTURERS.

50. THE CHANGES IN WASHINGTON'S POLICY ARE BEGINNING TO GIVE RISE TO APPREHENSIONS IN AMERICA ITSELF AND IN COUNTRIES ALLIED WITH IT. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE POLICY NOW PURSUED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, WHERE TOO IS HE LEADING HIS COUNTRY AND THE ENTIRE 'ATLANTIC COMMUNITY' FOR THAT MATTER--THESE QUESTIONS ARE APPEARING ALL THE TIME ON THE PAGES OF THE WESTERN PRESS. ALSO EXPANDING IS CRITICISM OF WASHINGTON'S FOREIGN POLICY--THE THREATS WITH WHICH IT IS FRAUGHT, THE DANGER OF RETURN TO THE COLD WAR AND AGGRAVATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION GIVE RISE TO MOUNTING CONCERN AND ALARM.

51. THE WORLD PUBLIC IS CONCERNED ALSO BY THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: HOW WILL THE SOVIET UNION RESPOND TO THE TOUGHENING OF THE AMERICAN POLICY? THIS QUESTION ACQUIRES THE GREATER TOPICALITY, THE MORE OBVIOUS BECOMES THE INSUFFICIENTLY CONSIDERED AND AT TIMES OPENLY PROVOCATIVE NATURE OF MANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES.

52. THIS APPLIES IN PARTICULAR TO ATTEMPTS TO DRAW OUR COUNTRY INTO NEW ROUNDS OF THE ARMS RACE, TO THE POLITICAL WRANGLING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE COLD WAR, TO THE SCALING DOWN OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES, AND SO FORTH. THE PLAN OF THOSE WHO INSPRIE SUCH ACTIONS IS VERY TRANSPARENT: THEY WOULD LIKE NOT ONLY TO UNDERMINE DETENTE, BUT ALSO TO DO THIS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THROUGH OTHERS. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE HOWEVER TO ABSOLVE THEMSELVES OF RESPONSIBILITY

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FOR THIS.

53. THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT INTENDING TO ASSIST THE AUTHORS OF SUCH PLANS. OUR PEOPLE HAS SEEN TOO MUCH AND EXPE-RIENCED TOO MUCH TO GIVE IN TO PRESSURE, TO RETREAT BEFORE SABRE RATTLING. IT CHOSE THE ROAD OF PEACE AND WILL NOT ALLOW ANY ONE TO PUSH IT OFF THIS ROAD. WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING THE INVITATION TO JOIN THE FUNERAL OF DETENTE

AND OF THE HOPES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE, FOR A POSSIBILITY OF A LIFE WORTHY OF MAN FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN.

54. DETENTE, THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT HAVE PROVED THEIR GREAT VITAL FORCE AND HAVE THE BROADEST SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES. THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM ARE FULLY RESOLVED TO CONDUCT A CONSISTENT AND STUBBORN STRUGGLE FOR THEM ALONG ALL DIRECTIONS AND FIRST OF ALL ALONG SUCH A DIRECTION AS THE LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. SPEAKING RECENTLY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA L.I. BREZHNEV SAID: "THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED HARD TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF DISARMAMENT, AND HOWEVER GREAT THE OBSTACLES MAY BE, WE WILL ADVANCE FURTHER TOGETHER WITH ALL THE CHAMPIONS OF THE POLICY OF PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD, WE WILL SEARCH FOR A RELIABLE AND FULL SOLUTION OF THIS BURNING PROBLEM."

55. IN THE SITUATION COMPLICATED BY THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION CONFIRMS AGAIN ITS COURSE AT THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD, MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, GIVEN THAT THE UNITED STATES ALSO WANTS THIS.

56. SUCCESSFUL ADVANCE IN THIS DIRECTION, THAT ACCORDS NOT ONLY WITH THE VITAL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES BUT ALSO WITH THE INTERESTS OF HUMANITY, THE INTERESTS OF PEACE IN THE WHOLE WORLD, REQUIRES MUTUALITY, REQUIRES A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TO WORLD POLITICS ALSO ON THE PART OF THE LEADERS
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OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

57. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PRESS FOR SUCH AIMS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AS STRENGTHENING PEACE, LIMITING ARMAMENTS AND NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND AT THE SAME TIME TO WHIP UP AN ANTI-SOVIT HYS-TERIA, TO TRY BY MEANS OF ATTACKS ON THE USSR TO SOLVE

ONE'S PROBLEMS--BOTH EXTERNAL AND DOMESTIC, AND EVEN PERSONAL ONES. THE PRESENT COURSE OF THE UNITED STATES IS FRAUGHT WITH SERIOUS DANGERS. DANGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES, FOR ALL COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN PEACE, FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. WE HOPE FOR THE SPEEDIEST REALIZATION OF THIS TRUTH IN WASHINGTON.

58. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR COUNTRIES, STATESMEN AND THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS STEMMING FROM THE PRESNET INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEM. NO AIMS ARE MORE IMPORTANT ININTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THAN THOSE OF PRESERVING AND DEEPENING DETENTE, STRENGTHENING PEACE, AND DISARMAMENT. SIMILARLY, NO AIMS DESERVE MORE: THAT AL OF ONE'S ENERGY AND CAPABILITIES BE DEVOTED TO THE STRUGGLE FOR THEIR ATTAINMENT. VANCE

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